

Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2008

5:09 p.m.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair:** CW Ward-Pugh
 Vice-Chair: CM Heiner
 Members: CW Green, CM Owen, CM Engel (In: 5:57, Out: 6:27), CM Johnson and CM Benson
Also Present: CW Welch

Chairwoman Ward-Pugh announced the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion

Update Presentation on Train Ride from November 1, 2008

John Owen, David Morse and David Hobson were present to speak to this item. The following was discussed:

- Multi-modal transportation between Louisville and Elizabethtown
- Right-of-ways
- Possible station locations
- Metro and State-owned land can be used for local match of federal funds
- Issues
 - Jefferson County
 - Meade County
 - Hardin County
- Projected costs
- Commuter rail task force
- Travel times
- Economics of the proposal

Charles Schimpeler, Schimpeler Associates, PLLC - Diesel Light Rail Transit Presentation

Charles Schimpeler, Russell Boze and Tony Catalina were present to speak to this item. The following was discussed:

- Rapid Access Monorail System
 - Continuous no wait boarding
 - Low maintenance
 - Passenger capacity
 - Runs in both directions
 - Quick transfers between routes
 - Safety
- Conceptual Regional Public Transportation System (handout)
 - Regional Bus System
 - Diesel Light Rail Transit System
 - Automated People Mover System
- Finance with federal money
- Private sector involvement

Vince Guenthner, Louisville Water Company - Recent Rate Increase

Vince Guenthner, Amber Halloran and Greg Heitzman were present to speak to this item. A PowerPoint presentation was given (attached) and the following was discussed:

- How the company would be affected if it did not receive the rate increase
 - Need increase due to increase in certain costs that cannot forego

- Bond issue was delayed to lower the increase
- Decline in water sales
 - Industrial
 - Low-flow devices in residential homes
- Significant capital debt
- Expect rate increases in this same range for the next ten years
- Water sales outside of the City
- Regulation by the Public Service Commission
 - To provide more transparency and oversight
- PFM Asset Management
- Amount of increase on average user
- Water Line Protection Program
- Regulatory requirements
- Drop in interest income
- The Committee asked for a copy of the budget with comparisons to other years
- Dividend to the City
 - Formula
 - In the bond resolution
- Building a reserve

Pending Legislation

R-201-11-08 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY TO RESCIND THE 5.5% RATE INCREASE IMPOSED UPON CITIZENS DURING TIME OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

Status: In-Committee

Committee: Transportation/Public Works

Primary Sponsor: Dan Johnson

Motion to Approve was made by Dan Johnson.

The motion Failed due to lack of a second.

The Committee asked the Water Company to provide the information asked for and then return to the next meeting to discuss the resolution.

Motion to Adjourn made by Judy Green and seconded by Tom Owen.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

***NOTE: Legislation sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard by the Metro Council at the next meeting on December 11, 2008. Full discussion is available on audio by request of the Metro Council Clerk's Office (502) 574-3902.**

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